

MINUTES OF THE BMFA SCALE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT OLD WARDEN ON 3rd DECEMBER 2011

The meeting commenced at 11:00 am.

Present were: Chris Allen, Steve Kessel, Dave Knott, Ian Pallister, Andy Sephton and Richard Scarbrough.

We followed the laid down agenda for the first meeting of a new Technical Committee. The meeting was opened by Richard Scarbrough acting as temporary Chairman as appointed by the BMFA Chairman, Robin Gowler.

1. Election of Officers, Co-Options, Specialist Bodies

- a) The elected members voted unanimously for Ian Pallister to return as Chairman for a further year (proposed: Richard, seconded Steve). Ian then took over the Chair from Richard.
- b) No co-options were required as the voting strength is already the maximum allowed (6).
- c) Stand-in Chairman for this meeting was not required as Chairman was present.

The following elections were made, all by unanimous decision:

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| d.) Secretary | Steve Kessel (proposed: Chris, seconded: Dave) |
| e.) Treasurer | Richard Scarborough (proposed: Dave, seconded: Andy) |
| f.) Council Delegate | Ian Pallister (Deputy: Chris Allen)
(proposed: Richard, seconded: Steve) |

- g.) No specialist bodies are attached to our committee and so the final voting strength of the meeting was noted as six (6).
- h.) Done: items d, e and f.

The following elections were made, all by unanimous decision:

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| i.) PRO | Andy |
| j.) Safety Officer | Chris Allen |
| k.) Rules Officer | Chris Allen |
| l.) Results Officer | Dave Knott |
| m.) Team Travel Budget Signatory | Richard Scarborough |

2. Apologies

No apologies were received.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes for 8th October 2011 were approved unanimously as a true record.
proposed: Chris, seconded: Richard

4. Matters Arising

Item 3: Programme for computing competition scores

Chris passed a copy of the existing programme to Steve just before the meeting. Steve will investigate whether an Excel spreadsheet could be used to perform the same task.

5. Miscellaneous Appointments and Distribution of Responsibilities

5.1 There is no formal list of scale judges for domestic competitions as it is considered that this would be too constraining.

5.2 The following posts and responsibilities were decided:

Newsletter	Martin Fardell (ex-committee)
RC Contest Manager	Dave Knott
Scale Indoor Representative	Andy Sephton
Scale Free Flight Representative	Bill Dennis (ex-committee)
Scale Control Line Representative	Bran Cordwell (ex-Committee)
CIAM Representative	Chris Allen

6. Disciplines Covered

The disciplines covered by this committee are: Scale R/C, Scale F/F, Scale C/L and Scale Indoor.

7. Council Agenda

The committee had no proposals to put on the next BMFA Council Agenda.

8. Nationals de-briefing and pre-planning

8.1 The de-briefing of the 2011 Nationals was conducted at the previous STC meeting.

8.2 Graham Kennedy is prepared to be CD for the 2012 Nationals.

8.3 The RC Scale events at 2012 Nationals will include F4C, Stand-Off and Flying Only.

9. Teams

The 2012 F4C World Championships will be held in Aragon, Spain next year from 3rd to 12th August. The UK team will be Pete McDermott BMFA 66173 Winchester MFC, Dave Knott BMFA 47166 Worthing MFC and Mick Henderson SAA4653 Deallachy Aeromodelers. 1st reserve is Mick Reeves BMFA 15674 Ramsey MFC, and second reserve is Richard Crapp BMFA 52698 Watford Wayfarers.

10. Team Managers and Assistant Team Managers

Steve reported that following the advertisement in the BMFA News the only applicant for the post of Team Manager was Graham Kennedy. The unanimous view of the committee was that Graham (UK Team Manager at previous international competitions) would do an excellent job and that his name should be put forward for ratification at the January 2012 BMFA Council Meeting.

At the moment it is doubtful whether there will be a European F4C Championships in 2013. However, if this situation should change, we will hold a Trial to select the UK Team on 22nd and 23rd September 2012 at Church Fenton.

11. BMFA Competition Details

11.1 The competition fees for 2012 were agreed as follows:

<u>Centralised events</u> RC £15 or Season Ticket £70 CL £11 FF £3 Indoor £16.50 registration plus £3.50 per class	<u>Nationals</u> RC £30 CL £16 FF £12 Indoor £16.50 registration plus £3.50 per class
<u>Team Trials</u> F4B and F4C £20	<u>Juniors (under 18 years)</u> Free for all events

11.2. The contribution to travelling costs for judges will be increased from a maximum of £10 to a maximum of £15 for 2012.

11.3 Dave will print and laminate the certificates needed for the 2012 Centralised events. Steve will notify the office that certificates for fifty (50) individual competitions will be required and that they should be sent to Dave.

12. Technical Committee Annual Return

The annual return was circulated for everyone to check their personal details. Steve will send it to the office.

13. Safety Review

Nothing to report.

14. Technical Committee's Other Agenda Items

14.1 Treasurer's Report

Richard presented the following figures which have not changed significantly since the last meeting on 8th October 2011.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE MEETING 3 DECEMBER 2011

There have been no events taking place since the last meeting on 8 October 2011 and hence there is very little to report at this time.

Accounts summaries for the second quarter up to 30 September 2011 were received from head office in Leicester at the end of October. These have been summarised as follows and show that the only movements in the quarter were on the Contest Fund Scale account, as follows:

TC costs - scale	-	costs
Training & excellence	-	costs
Contest fund interscale	-	income
Contest fund scale	* 279.01	income
TTF scale	-	income

* made up as follows:	£
Merryfield F/O event on 3 July 2011	122.00
Osournby F/O event on 31/07/11	156.00
Merryfield F/O event on 11/09/11	34.00
	<u>312.00</u>
Less : 28/09/11 Team trials - net costs	(18.00)
28/09/11 Laminating pouches for certificates	(14.99)
	<u>279.01</u>

NET CONTEST FUND SCALE INCOME 279.01

Total costs for the first half of the financial year (1/4/11 to 30/09/11) are therefore still :

	£
TC costs - scale (same as at 30/06/11)	630.75
Training & excellence (same as at 30/06/11)	-

and are well within 2011/12 budget of :

TC costs - scale	£2,000
Scale Training & Excellence	£1,500

However, the Scale TC travel and subsistence costs for the current quarter to 31 December 2011 will include costs for both the October 8th meeting and December 3rd meeting.

14.2 BMFA Technical Council Meeting of 15th October 2011

Ian briefly reported on the meeting at which our CIAM proposals had been approved for submission.

14.4 Free Flight

There was nothing to report.

14.5 Indoor

Andy reported that the event at the Manchester Velodrome for 'Peanut', 'Pistachio' and 'Open' classes will take place on Saturday 18th February and that plans for the Indoor Nationals on 29th April are well in hand; the venue the latter will once more be the Sports Hall at Nottingham University. He forewarned Richard that payment will be required for the hire of the hall (£1,600 – the same as last year) and said that he had secured the booking of this venue for the Indoor Nationals for a further two years.

Andy voiced his fears about the fact that the scoring software for these events is still just held in one place in the care of one person, that is with Gordon Warburton. Also, we have a similar situation to that of the RC scoring system in that it is written using software that very few of us have knowledge of and thus may be difficult to update or change. Andy will speak to Gordon to work out the best way to resolve these issues.

14.6 Control Line

There was nothing to report.

14.7 Radio Control

Competition Dates for 2012

Dave is still working on the competition schedule for 2012. In view of the need to accommodate Stand-Off competitions as well as F4C and Flying only it was decided to add an extra competition early in the year, probably 25th March at Osbournby for F/O and Stand-Off (subject to agreement of the club). It was agreed that all centralised competitions in 2012 will be qualifying events for the UK team trials (ref 14.9 Comp Rules 2012).

Dave will publish the competition schedule as soon as it has been finalised.

Financial Support for UK F4C Team at 2012 World Championships

Following our discussions at the previous STC meeting Ian and Richard reviewed the financial situation with regards to the proposal to provide a more generous contribution from the Team Travel Fund for our team at next years world championships. Richard made the proposal that each of the three team members should receive £1,200 towards their costs from the Team Travel Fund. Andy asked if this was sustainable and Richard replied that it was. Steve seconded the proposal and it was carried unanimously.

14.8 Proposals for CIAM

Chris reported that the only reply that he had had regarding the proposals for CIAM was from Richard Crapp regarding the suggestion that F4G be made a flying only event. Richard's response, which we had all seen via e-mail, made the argument for leaving F4G as it is as. In essence he said G is what he is most interested in because he likes to build accurately and well documented models and it enables people like him who do not make the national team to enjoy a World champs and provide an essential training ground for such builders should they ever make the national team. Also, he suggested that the fact that the documentation requirement is the same as F4C is good and saves confusion. On consideration of these arguments we contemplated withdrawing the proposal but agreed to let it stand until after our next meeting as there would still be time to withdraw it before the CIAM Plenary.

14.9 BMFA Scale Competition Rules for 2012

We went through the list of amendments suggested by Chris for the 2012 Scale Rules and agreed to them all with a few minor changes. Many of the amendments were simple text corrections and some changes to accommodate the inclusion of the Stand-Off Class.

The most significant change to the rules will be clarification on the issue of what is considered to be a qualifying flight score for UK F4C Team selection, particularly with respect to application of the BoM rule. After much deliberation it was agreed that flight scores achieved at centralised events in Flying Only and Stand-Off competitions will be accepted as qualifying scores. Thus all centralised competitions in 2012 will be contributory events for UK Team selection.

Ian thanked Chris for his dedication and meticulous work on the rules and for his related efforts as our CIAM representative.

14.10 Newsletter

There was nothing to report.

15. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

16. Next Meeting

Steve was asked to book the following dates for our committee meetings at Old Warden next year:

Saturday 17th March
Saturday 30th June
Saturday 6th October
Saturday 1st December

The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 4:00 pm.

Stephen Kessel
Secretary - Scale Technical Committee

4th December 2011